

22 November 1961

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM : Chief, FBID

SUBJECT : Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. The dissemination of material bearing on the 22d CPSU Congress reached unusually heavy proportions, considering the number of Daily Report supplements distributed to regular and special recipients and the special services rendered by the Wire Service. Well over 1800 copies of each supplement were distributed daily, with particular issues being handcarried to various members of Congress, representatives of the National Security Council, and to the Director. Upon request, raw teletype copies of the speeches of ranking Soviet and foreign leaders were furnished by special messenger to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State Foy Kohler, to OCI, and to the Air Force Warning Center. Reflecting a long manifest upward trend, the Liaison and Requirements Staff itself dealt with an extraordinary number of ad hoc requests for supplement issues and services requiring direct dissemination rather than through PSD. Over 150 copies of each supplement were forwarded daily from the Division.

FBIS coverage of the Moscow Party Congress prompted a letter of commendation from Secretary Rusk, who, in a letter to the Director, singled out the expeditious handling of Khrushchev's highly illuminating speech of 16 - 17 October as an example of the Division's "speed, accuracy, and efficiency." FBID was informed informally that Mr. Rusk's 18 October press conference remarks on Khrushchev's speech were based almost entirely on the raw FBIS copy which was provided for his immediate, personal scrutiny as soon as it reached Headquarters. [redacted]

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2. In accordance with a request from the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, FBID was asked to review its role in supplying the intelligence community with possible advance indications of the Syrian revolt and the erection of the Berlin wall. A memorandum for the AD/O pointed out that while neither event was one that open propaganda could be expected to anticipate directly, FBID (1) published extensive broadcast materials indicating restiveness in Syria and tension between Cairo and Damascus, and (2) called attention in two SURVEY articles to increasing propaganda evidence that the mass exodus of manpower into West Berlin was fast creating an untenable situation for the East German regime. [redacted]

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3. A letter of appreciation for FBID's analysis and collection support of the U.S. delegation to the Laos conference in Geneva was sent to the AD/O by the Agency representative with the delegation upon his recent return to Washington. [redacted]

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4. From 19 October to 2 November FBIS prepared daily a short roundup of foreign comment on General Maxwell Taylor's visit to South Vietnam for incorporation in OCI's daily cable to him. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] is on temporary duty at the Key West Post to evaluate and assess the scope of the current reorganization of the Cuban domestic radio system. Preliminary information indicates that the Cuban radio has dropped many stations and has incorporated others into a few major networks. [redacted]

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6. Significant broadcasting developments during the past month includes Radio Peking's unexplained suspension of its broadcasts in Turkish and Persian since 8 November and a general frequency change on 30 October 1961. Also, the Radio Moscow recorded programs rebroadcast on the Peking Home Service have not been heard by FBIS monitors since 23 October. Radio Peking in early November started retransmitting a half-hour nightly program in Albanian of Radio Tirana, beamed to North America. The Radio Tirana programs formerly were retransmitted via Radio Sofia. [redacted]

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7. A new Arab clandestine radio calling itself "Voice of the Arab Nation" was heard with broadcasts attacking Jordan, Saudi Arabia and various other Arab nations and sheikhdoms. Technical clues indicate the transmitter is located in Egypt. [redacted]

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8. At the request of the Departments of State and Commerce and the United States Information Agency, the Field Operations Staff agreed to provide [redacted] figures over the next several months on the number of radio transmitters operating in each foreign country. The data will be supplied on a country-by-country basis as parallel work is completed on the revised edition of Broadcasting Stations of the World. [redacted]

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9. The IBM runs for [redacted] "Broadcasting Stations of the World" have been completed by OCR. The material is being turned over to Printing Services Division which will negotiate the printing contracts with the Government Printing Office. The publication should be ready for distribution in February 1962. [redacted]

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10. Sunday publication of the USSR and East Europe Daily Report, initiated 3 September, was discontinued as of 29 October. Similar publication of the Far East and the Middle East, Africa, and West Europe Daily Report had been discontinued after the 1 October issues. [redacted]

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11. Of 237 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during October, 62 (26 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. (Secret)

12. During the month, 88 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast and 12 percent to press scrutiny. [redacted]

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13. [redacted] Chief, Engineering Staff, FBIS, is currently making an inspection visit to the African Bureau. Visits to the London, Mediterranean, Austrian and German Bureaus are also on [redacted] itinerary. [redacted]

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14. On 8 November the Far East Section of the Daily Report assumed responsibility for the editing of HOC TAP articles and lengthy items from other periodicals received from the Saigon Bureau before passing them to FDD for publication. This measure was taken to expedite servicing of copy and to facilitate early publication. [redacted]

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted]

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1. Radio Propaganda Reports issued:

a. "Algeria: Statements at CPSU Congress Project More Active Role for Communist Party"

b. "The 22d CPSU Congress: The Attack on the 'Antiparty Group'"

2. A propaganda analysis item on the FBIS Wire lined up the nonbloc communist party spokesmen at the CPSU congress in terms of their treatment of the attack on Albania.

3. Two typescript memoranda, on "Soviet Views on the Importance of Surprise Attack" and on "Conflict Between Welfare and Defense Goals in Current Soviet Policy," were prepared at ONE's request in support of SNIE 11-14-61, THE SOVIET STRATEGIC MILITARY POSTURE, 1961 - 1967. [redacted]

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4. RPB participated in an ad hoc Agency committee set up to prepare material for the President's guidance in an interview to be granted IZVESTIYA Editor Alexei Adzhubei, on the Soviet Union's initiative. The branch contribution consisted of some general suggestions regarding points the President might wish to stress in the light of current Soviet political developments, together with a brief review of current Soviet propaganda themes that could affect the character and tone of the questions put by Mr. Adzhubei. [redacted]

5. Two sets of Soviet statements were assembled for OCI from the branch's War Themes card file: (1) all statements by Soviet Presidium members and military leaders on the effect of radioactivity in a nuclear war, and (2) all Khrushchev statements since 1957 that have singled out West Germany in discussing the consequences of a nuclear war or in threatening retaliation against a nuclear attack.

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6. As of 15 November, 152 analyses of communist propaganda had been cabled to the U.S. delegation at the Geneva conference on Laos.

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7. Receipt of the text of a 12 November RUDE PRAVO dispatch from Damascus commenting on internal Syrian affairs was appreciated by RPB. In light of the continuing scarcity of communist radio comment on developments within Syria, filing of future such items from the East European press will be welcomed.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

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1. To facilitate production and printing of the Daily Report, stencils for the Far East book are now being released to the Printing Services Division shortly after noon rather than at the end of the workday, as formerly. Except under unusual circumstances, copy intended for the current issue must arrive at headquarters by 1500 GMT on the day of publication.

2. Field editors are warned against integrating into monitored material as editor's notes any observations involving speculation, interpretation, analysis, or generalization. Observations of a substantive nature, unrelated to the pure mechanics of interception and translation, should be filed as FYI's -- and to headquarters only -- so as to permit advance screening by supervisory personnel. Generalizations in such FYI's should be as fully documented as possible, and any speculations should be clearly indicated as such. These precautions are designed not to discourage intelligent initiative in the field but to prevent possible embarrassment from general publication and lateral dissemination of observations subject to doubt, disagreement, or controversy.

3. There are times when official concern over vital issues make it necessary for headquarters to doublecheck and even triplecheck with the field against the remotest possibility of error or misinformation. Bureaus are requested to accept the inevitability of such queries and not to interpret them as any reflection of a lack of reliance on field personnel. As indicated elsewhere in this Letter, errors of misinterpretation may result from communications and mechanical factors as well as from inadvertence. A major objective in seeking assurances from the field is to eliminate uncertainty and fortify headquarters against outside queries.

4. Items of importance, particularly initial reaction to major world developments, should not be handled as briefs. In some circumstances they may even merit fast handling as FYI's in advance of normal processing.

5. Failure to observe proper procedures in the servicing of corrections on filed copy continues to be a problem. Following is a review of pertinent elements involved:

a. Whether a correction results from bureau initiative or from a query by a lateral consumer or by headquarters, it should normally be made available to all recipients involved.

b. Corrections should be submitted in accordance with Editorial Handbook instructions and should be independently responsive to the specific queries they answer, though references may be made to previous messages pertinent to the query.

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c. The hazards of communications include not only the loss or delay of previous messages, but the possibility of mechanical defects in the sending and/or receiving machines. For example, the originator's teleprint copy may be faultless, but an error involving a key word, gap, or significant punctuation may have occurred in transmission. Therefore, expressions such as "sentence is confirmed as sent" mean only that the original teleprint copy was checked and confirmed. They do not confirm that teleprinter and transmitter were functioning in perfect harmony at the time of sending, nor that the copy as received escaped damage en route.

African Bureau

The number of publishable items received from Kaduna in October showed a 75 percent increase over that of the previous month and was double the output in June and July.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. An alarm system for the Dictaphone magnetic belt recorders has been developed and is being tested. Its purpose is to give warning if the unit fails to record. Bureaus will be advised when complete information is available.

2. African Bureau

a. Work has not progressed as rapidly as expected on the Operations Building. However, electronic wiring should begin by 1 December 1961. The security vault door has been installed, and installation of aluminum window sash has been completed. Electric cables have been run to the guard building.

b. One house has been completed and a second nearly completed. Laying of terrazzo floors has begun in houses three and four. All housing should be completed by the end of the year.

3. Okinawa Bureau

a. The editorial and teletype room extension is 60 percent complete. Exterior shotcrete and interior plaster work has been completed and the former exterior wall has been removed. New window sash has been installed.

b. Work on protective entranceways for north and east doors has been started.

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c. Preparation of detailed plans, specifications and cost estimates for reconstruction of the typhoon-ravaged Bolo Point code operators' BOQ are in progress.

4. The London Bureau elevator project is underway. The excavation for the elevator foundations is complete and the concrete floor has been laid. Steel work for the motor housing at the top of the shaft is scheduled for completion on 25 November 1961. The erection of four steel legs for the elevator shaft is scheduled to begin on 11 December 1961.

5. Requests for routine filing of information to non-FBIS recipients should be referred to headquarters for approval before compliance. STAT

6. Field editors are reminded of the continuing and growing importance of raw-copy dissemination in FBIS Headquarters distribution pattern. One of the principal channels for this distribution is through the Liaison and Requirements Staff, and it is therefore important for field editors to review periodically the list of continuing requirements which call for "Copy to Liaison" slugging. It should be noted also that field editors need not flag items for Liaison in response to wirefiled targets or those appearing on the weekly list unless asked specifically to do so in the target instructions.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Financial Status Reports are to be completed at the end of each month. The report should be forwarded to arrive in Headquarters not later than the tenth of each succeeding month.

2. Any employee who uses his privately owned vehicle for official business within his permanent post of duty or the suburbs thereof may claim reimbursement for mileage at not to exceed the maximum rates prescribed in Section 3.5b of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations. Such claims, when approved by the Bureau Chief as being advantageous to the Government, may be certified for payment.

3. Effective immediately household effects will be furnished all transferees to the Mediterranean Bureau. Detailed list of items to be furnished will be made available to all Bureaus in the near future. The maximum weight allowances for shipment and storage of effects can be obtained on page 15 of FBIS Regulation 22.

4. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were disseminated:

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	Competitive Promotion	9 October 1961	
	Fitness Report	4 October 1961	
	Revision of pages 11 & 12, addition of page 12.1, and revision of pages 3, 4, 4.1, 7 & 8, 11 & 12 of SGTR	12 September 1961	
	Revision of pages 3, 4, and addition of page 4.1	22 September 1961	
	Reporting of Conversations	25 September 1961	
	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>	
	Postage Stamps - Procurement & Accounting	21 September 1961	
	Bureau Addresses	25 September 1961	
	Return Shipments to the U. S.	27 September 1961	
	Rescission of FBIS Regulations	28 September 1961	
	Public Service Aid Society	2 October 1961	

PERSONNEL NOTES

1. New Employees

Assignment

Teletype Operator
Editorial Branch

Teletype Operator
West Coast Bureau

Clerk Typist
West Coast Bureau

Teletype Operator
Editorial Branch

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2. Reassignments

From

To

(Correction)

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Editorial Branch

Operations Officer
Mediterranean Bureau

Chief
Field Operations Staff

Chief
East Coast Bureau

Editor
East Coast Bureau

Editor/Wire Svc Section
Editorial Branch

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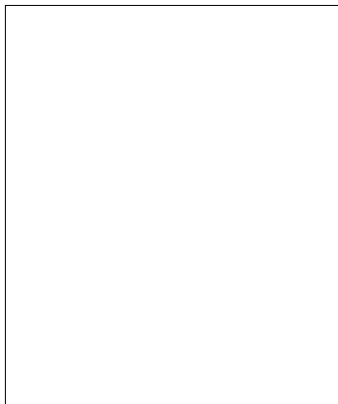
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West Coast Bureau

Editor
Panama Post

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Editorial Branch

Editor
East Coast Bureau

Editor

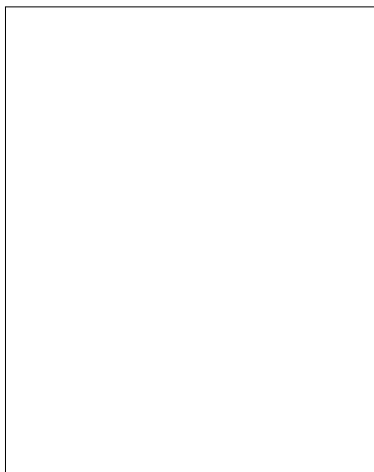
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Austrian Bureau

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Separations



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Editorial Branch (Military)

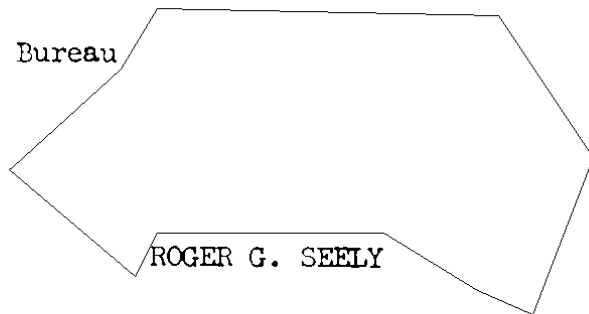
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Propaganda Analyst
Radio Propaganda Branch (Military)

Teletype Operator
Editorial Branch (Military)

Editor
Editorial Branch

Monitor
West Coast Bureau



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